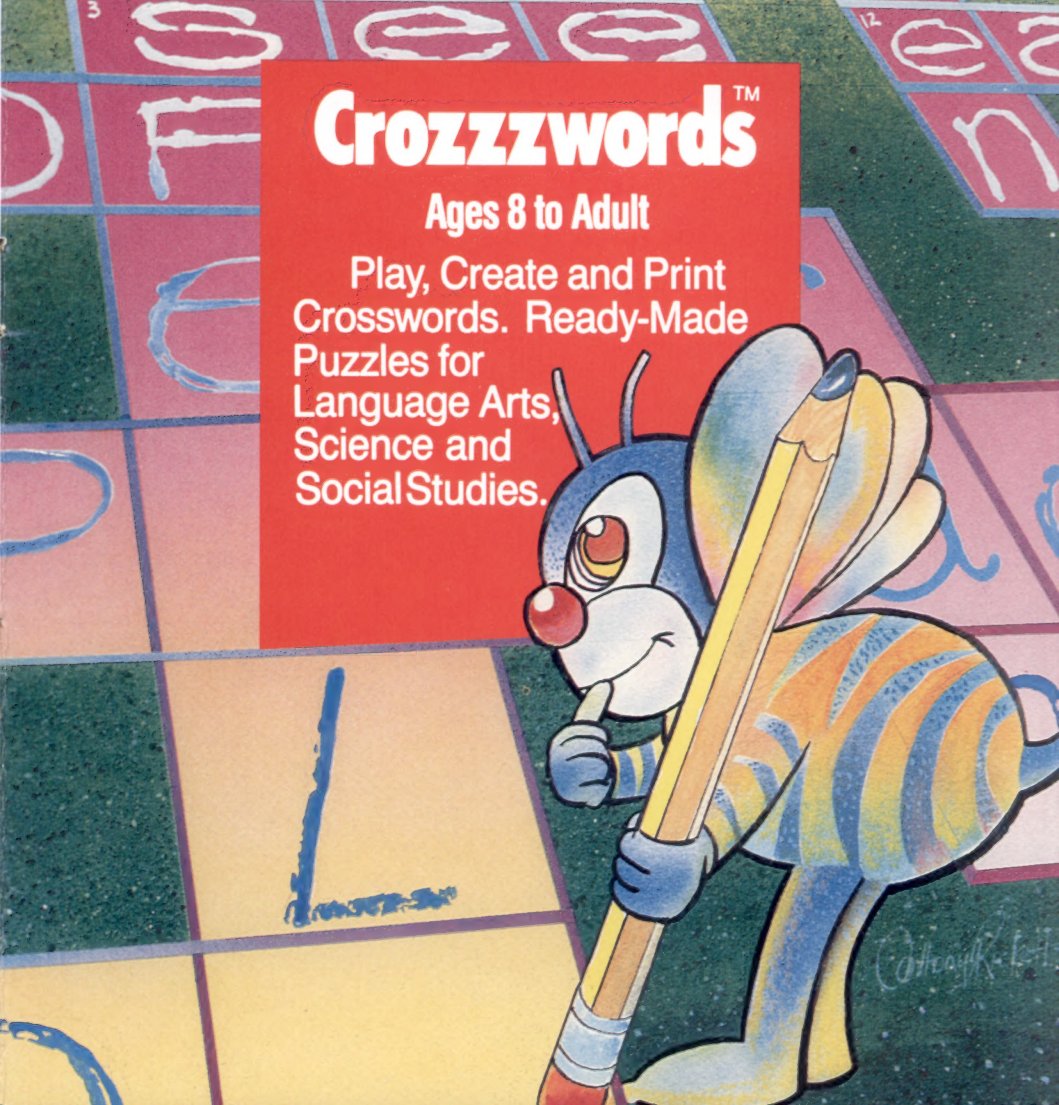
Crozzzwords™

Ages 8 to Adult

Play, Create and Print Crosswords. Ready-Made Puzzles for Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.



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INTRODUCTION TO CROZZZWORDS™

Do you enjoy a good puzzle?

Have you ever noticed that people who do crossword puzzles have very good vocabularies and have many facts at their fingertips? You can use Crozzzwords™ to build your vocabulary, to help you study, and to challenge your friends and family.

Computer Crosswords

Solving Crozzzwords™ is sure to be fun on the computer or with pencil and paper. When you play on your computer, you can ask for help and keep track of your performance. If you prefer, you may print out your puzzles and do them the old fashioned way--with pen and ink.

Do you enjoy making good puzzles?

Making your own Crozzzword puzzles is fun too! All you do is enter your words and clues. Press "save" and your puzzle becomes part of your personal puzzle data bank, or press "print" and your puzzle is in hard copy.

Special Features:

- Crozzzwords™ contains **twelve ready-to-use puzzles,** plus space to add hundreds more onto data disks.
- **Three difficulty levels.**
- **Automatic performance summaries** track up to 25 students.
- **A Teacher Lock** lets educators control Challenge Upgrade™ settings.

Individual disks containing **curriculum based puzzles** are available for separate purchase.

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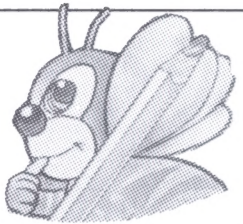


GETTING STARTED

To use Crozzzwords™ in your computer:

1. Insert the Crozzzwords™ disk in your disk drive (label facing up) and close the door.

2. If you have a printer attached, turn printer on.

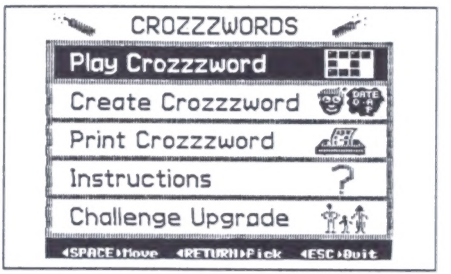
3. If you have a second disk drive, attach it to your computer.

4. Turn on the computer and monitor. The red light on the disk drive will come on. When the opening menu appears, you will be ready to play.

NOTICE: NEVER INSERT OR REMOVE THE DISK FROM THE DISK DRIVE WHEN THE RED LIGHT ON THE DISK DRIVE IS ON. NEVER TURN THE COMPUTER OFF WHEN THE RED LIGHT ON THE DISK DRIVE IS ON.

Choosing from the Main Menu:

The Main Menu for Crozzzwords™ appears as follows:



Press the Space Bar to move the white highlight through these menu features. When the feature you want is highlighted, press Return to enter your selection.

PLAYING CROZZZWORDS ™

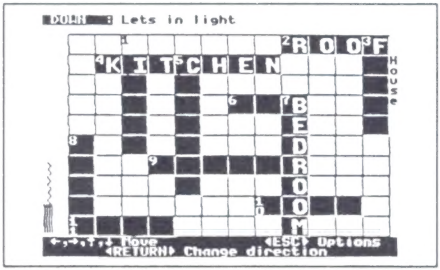
Begin by selecting Instructions from the Main Menu. The on-screen instructions will help you learn how to solve your puzzles.

Note: Before you begin, select Challenge Upgrade from the Main Menu and choose the proper Disk Drive setting for one or two disk drives.

Select Play Crozzzword from the Main Menu to see your crossword puzzle.

Play Game

Your goal is to finish the puzzle before time runs out. Each of the white boxes will need to be filled in by finding the word that matches the clues you see at the very top of the screen.



Step 1) Use the arrow keys to make the box marked number 1 flash.

Step 2) Notice the box in the upper left corner. It tells you whether you are working ACROSS or DOWN. Press the Return key to see the clue for the word going across. Press it again to see the clue for the word going down.

Step 3) Select the word you want to enter. Here is an example:

1 DOWN: lets in light

You want to enter the word "window."

Procedure: Move the highlight to the box marked "1." Press the Return key until the box shows you want to work

DOWN. Type in the word "window." If you make a mistake, use the arrow keys to go back and type over your error. If you type a space, the box will be empty.

Step 4) Fill in all the missing words in the same manner. Press the ESC key for additional options.

Step 5) You have filled in all the words. Press ESC to go to the Options Menu; then pick Quit to show that you are done. A "winning" message will appear if you have completed the puzzle correctly.

Options Menu

You may bring up a small window menu titled Options while you are playing Crozzzwords™. To see the Options Menu, press the ESC key. Press the Space Bar to move the black highlight and press the Return key to enter your choice.

OPTIONS

Return to Puzzle (to go back to your puzzle).
Help (*see below).
View Clues Across (to see a list of all the clues going across).
View Clues Down (to see a list of all the clues going down).
Quit (to stop working on your puzzle).

*If Help does not appear on your Options Menu, it has been turned off in the Challenge Upgrade™ section of Crozzzwords™.

If Help is on the Menu, choose it to help you do the puzzle. A screen message will ask you to enter a letter to be revealed in the puzzle. For example, if you ask for the letter "M" and the letter "M" appears ten times in the puzzle, it will be filled in in each of those ten places on the puzzle screen.

REMEMBER: Each time you get help, you lose valuable time.

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CREATING CROZZZWORD PUZZZLES

Select Create Crozzzword from the Main Menu to create your own puzzle. The **Create Crossword Menu** will appear with the following options:

Make a Crossword
Edit a Crossword
Delete a Crossword

You will need to save your puzzles on a data disk. On-screen prompts will appear to format this data disk, if necessary, at the time you save your puzzles. Remember, when you format a disk, all the old files on that disk will be destroyed. Do not format a disk containing files you will need again.

Make a Crossword

Manual Placement

Select Manual when you wish to do all your word placement yourself. You will need to enter each letter onto the puzzle grid.

Step 1) Follow on-screen directions to enter your words onto the puzzle grid. Use the arrow keys to move; the Return key to set direction across or down; and the Space Bar to erase. Notice that you can expand your puzzle to up to 20 x 20 boxes. The screen will automatically scroll left, right, up, or down to fit your words.

Step 2) Press ESC to reach the Option Menu. Select Enter Clues Across. Use the Space Bar and Return key to select the word for which you are entering a clue. A large white area will appear in which you may enter clues of up to 60 characters. Press Return and go on to next word.

Step 3) Press ESC to reach the menu for Options. Select Enter Clues Down and follow instructions in Step 2.

Step 4) (Optional) Return to puzzle to check it or make changes.

Step 5) Quit to save your puzzle. (A notation indicates your puzzle is incomplete if you have not entered clues for each word. Incomplete puzzles cannot be played.) Follow on-screen directions to name your puzzle. When the screen prompts you, put a data disk into your disk drive.

Automatic Placement

Select Automatic to let the computer do all or part of the placement for you. The program will not allow illegal placement of words.

Step 1) The Add a Word screen lets you type in the list of words one at a time. Words may contain up to twenty characters (no spaces). Dashes appear to show you where to type your letters. Press Return after each word.

Step 2) Press the ESC key to reach the Option Menu. The Option Menu appears with the following options:

OPTIONS

Add a Word (to return to the Add a Word screen).
Change Word List(to change 1 word or delete all the words from the list).
Place (to place words on the puzzle).
Remove from Grid (to remove 1 word or all words from the grid).
View Puzzle (to see a puzzle that has been "placed").
Quit and Save (to leave the program or save a puzzle).

Step 3) When your list is complete, place the words on the grid. Then look at the puzzle, and, if necessary, make changes.

PLACING WORDS

Place offers four methods of placement to give you full flexibility.

Place 1 Word lets you select one word from your list and place it on the grid. Use the arrow keys to move the word into position and press Return. Then press the Space Bar to set the direction across or down; press Return to enter. An asterisk will appear next to a word that has been placed.

Place All goes through all the words on your list, letting you place each word using the same method as Place 1 Word.

Autoplace 1 Word lets you pick one word from your list to be placed on the grid by the computer.

Autoplace All lets the computer place all your words onto the grid.

Step 4) Quit and Save your puzzle when you are finished. The puzzle will appear on the screen.

Step 5) Press ESC to see the Option Menu. Enter clues across and then down. Use the Space Bar and Return key to select the word for which you are entering a clue. A large white area will appear in which you may enter clues of up to 60 characters. Press Return to go on to the next word.

Step 6) Follow on-screen instructions to save, play or quit. Be sure to save your puzzle if you want to print it out.

Hint: For fast and easy custom puzzles select Automatic Placement. Enter your word list and select Autoplace All. If you do not like the way the puzzle appears, select Remove from Grid; remove all the words and select Autoplace All again. When a satisfactory puzzle appears, save it and enter your clues.

Edit a Crossword

When you select Edit a Puzzle, you can go back to a puzzle and make any changes you wish. On-screen directions provide instructions. Be sure to reenter clues for each word that is changed.

Delete a Crossword

This allows you to remove puzzles from your data disk.

Printing Crossword Puzzles

Select Print Crozzzword from the **Main Menu**. The screen will tell you which puzzle will be printed, if Answers has been set to ON in Challenge Upgrade™, you will be asked if you want the answers printed. Reply yes or no, and follow screen directions. Go to Challenge Upgrade™ to select a different puzzle.

To print puzzles you created and saved on a data disk, set Challenge Upgrade™ to Custom Level and follow on-screen directions to load your data disk.

CHALLENGE UPGRADE ™

Challenge Upgrade™ lets you change Crozzzwords™ to meet individual needs.

Time
Time may be set by increments of 5 minutes from 0 (no timer) to 30 minutes. These minutes closely reflect real time.

Level: Easy, Medium, Hard and Custom
The three levels of difficulty should be used for selecting puzzles. Set to Custom to play puzzles on data disks.

Crossword: 1-4 and Random
Choose the number of the puzzle to be played or set to Random. (This setting will be ignored when the level is set to Custom.)

Help: ON/OFF
When help is ON, you will be able to ask for help. The computer will ask you to type in a letter. That letter will be shown wherever it appears in a puzzle. You lose time when you get help.

Answers: ON/OFF
If you do not want to be able to see the answers to the puzzles, select OFF. If you select ON, the answers will be available at the end of each game.

Sound: ON/OFF

Printer: OFF/Epson/Imagewriter/ Other
Choose your printer type or set to OFF.

Disk Drives: 1 or 2
If you have 2 disk drives, set to 2. Place your data disk in drive 2.

Lock: ON/OFF
When this lock is turned ON, Challenge Upgrade™will be locked. You need the code to unlock Challenge Upgrade™.

Performance

Performance records are automatically maintained for 25 players. The performance summary includes the name of the puzzle; the time used and time available; the number of words completed divided by the number of possible words; and the percentage of correct answers. Performance records may be printed out and erased.

Password is 1234.

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1) Make a crossword puzzle using all the names of people in your family tree. Color it in and frame it for your family room.

2) Add a crossword puzzle to your book report. Your puzzle should include title, author, places, characters and unusual words taken from the book.

3) Create a crossword puzzle for your teacher. Use the vocabulary words or terms listed at the end of a textbook chapter. (Won't she/he be impressed!)

4) Create a crossword puzzle about your neighborhood. Send it in to one of your local newspapers to see of they will publish it.

5) Make a book of crossword puzzles. Put a cover on it, and use it as a gift.

ALSO AVAILABLE...

Ready-to-use data base disks containing 90 puzzles for Crozzzwords™, Wordzzzearch™ and Jumblezzz™.

Disk I - Potpourri (Science, Social Studies, Language Arts)
Disk II - World Geography
Disk III - Spanish and French (beginner's)
Disk IV - Music, Art and Drama
Disk V - Plant and Animal Life

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